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SUBJECT: CERP 002: SOVIET LIGHT CARGO AIRCRAFT VISITS CAMEROON

REF: NDJAMENA 541 NOTAL, BANGUI 353

1. SOVIET ANTHONOV AH-26 TWIN TURBOPROP LIGHT CARGO AIRCRAFT
ARRIVED YAOUNDE EVENING MARCH 7 FROM NDJAMENA FOR DEMONSTRATION
FLIGHTS WITHIN CAMEROON AND TO ISLAND AND MAINLAND PORTIONS OF
EQUATORIAL GUINEA. AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED TO LEAVE CAMEROON
MARCH 12.

2. ACAP DAILY NEWS BULLENTIN CARRIED ARTICLES MARCH 7 AND 8
ON ARRIVAL OF SOVIET PLANE AND DAILY CAMEROON TRIBUNE PICTURED
PLANE AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT CONVERSING
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WITH SOVIET COUNSELOR AND TRADE MISSION CHIEF IN YAOUNDE. BOTH

MEDIA STATED THAT PRESIDENT BOKASSA OF CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC HAD SIGNED OPTION MARCH 5 TO BUY TWO OF THESE 1.5 MILLION DOLLAR AIRCRAFT.

3. COMMENT: MEMBER LOCAL SOVIET MISSION TOLD EMBOFF ON MARCH 10 THAT SALE TO CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC SURE THING, BUT HE THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THAT CAMEROON WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING AH-26. PRESENCE OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT WITH TRADE MISSION MEMBERS MOST LIKELY DUE TO PROTOCOL CONSIDERATIONS. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT IS CAREFUL TO POINT OUT THAT CAMEROON AIRLINES, AS A SEPARATE PARASTAL COMPANY, IS ABLE TO MAKE ITS OWN DECISIONS ON EQUIPMENT PURCHASES. ABOVE MENTIONED SOVIET MISSION MEMBER ALSO TOLD EMBOFF THAT DELEGATION WHICH WENT WITH PLANE TO MALABO AND BATA ON 9-10 MARCH HAD BEEN "ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMED" BOTH STOPS, BUT NO SUGGESTION "SALE" MADE.
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